(3) Kitchen — In progress.
(4) Servants' quarters — do.
(5) Latrines — do.
(6) Menials' do — do.
(7) Water Works, Prayer Hall and Administrative Block—not taken up.

4. Rs. 526.

5. The Section Superintendent of the P. W. D., the Trichur Overseer, East Range, the Assistant Engineer, Northern Division and the Chief Engineer have inspected the buildings. They have inspected the buildings on many occasions during the year.

6. They will be made use of in connection with the Anappara College Scheme.

7. The forests in the vicinity do not contain any big game. Occasional visits of small leopards and wild boars are reported in the neighbourhood.

8. No.

Fall in the daily attendance of the Civil Hospital at Trichur.

262. Mr. K. J. Antony.— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether there was a fall in the daily attendance of the Civil Hospital at Trichur during the early part of the year 1104 or immediately before that;

(2) if the answer to part (1) is in the affirmative, whether the Civil Surgeon and Sub-Assistant Surgeon, Mr. K. Kochunni Menon, were called upon to tender explanations;

(3) if the explanations were not satisfactory, what action was taken against the Civil Surgeon;

(4) whether it is a fact that the Civil Surgeon was showing undue consideration towards paying patients attending the Hospital in preference to the poor and the needy that this differential treatment to some extent also accounted for the fall in daily attendance;

(5) will the Government be pleased to lay on the Table copies of the explanations, if any, submitted by the Civil Surgeon and Sub-Assistant Surgeon, Mr. K. Kochunni Menon, with regard to the fall in attendance?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(1) Yes.

(2) The cause of the fall in attendance was investigated.

(3) The file was recorded with the observation that the Civil Surgeon should take steps for improvement, if possible.

(4) There is no class of patients among out-patients or in-patients called 'paying patients', and hence the question of fall

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in attendance due to any preferential treatment to such patients does not arise.

(5) No public purpose is served by doing so.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—With regard to (1), may I know when did the Chief Medical Officer come to know of this matter —the fall in attendance?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The first information which strikingly came to my notice was when the annual report of the previous year reached me.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Did this fall in attendance afterwards come to the normal condition? Now, is it in the normal condition?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—We have no condition called normal condition. There is always fluctuation, ups and downs; I cannot exactly say whether it is in the normal condition.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know how did the Chief Medical Officer know that there was a fall in attendance?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—By comparing the annual reports of the previous years.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Is it continuing?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—It is improving.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—With reference to (2), may I know why no explanation was called for?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I suppose that is understood in the answer already given. 'The cause of the fall in attendance is under investigation'.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—That is not my question. My question is whether any explanation was called for.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I think investigation involves that. It involves calling for explanation both written and then personal enquiry and all that. It is included in that.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know whether any explanation was called for from Dr. Rao?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—It was to him that I drew the attention first about the fall in attendance.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know what was the explanation of Dr. Rao?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Is that a supplementary question, Sir? I consider it not right to mention the various reasons for the fall, and there is always fall in attendance and that everywhere. He mentioned various reasons.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know, Sir, what were the reasons stated by Dr. Rao?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I do not exactly remember all the reasons.

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Mr. K. J. Antony.—At least some of the reasons may be stated.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I do not remember what they were exactly.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—At least one.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Improvement in general health.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—As the Hon'ble Member says, one of the reasons was improvement in general health, the town may be free from epidemics, and anything like that. Sometimes cases might have been few. All these things will cause fluctuations.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know whether any explanation was called for from Dr. Kochunni Menon?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know what it is?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—He has given various reasons in his explanation.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know whether he gave an explanation to the effect that the fall in attendance was due to Dr. Rao's favouritism and consideration towards the rich, taking money from the in-patients and out-patients, and due to the fact that he extorted payments from the poor out-patients and in-patients. May I know whether such an explanation was received by the Chief Medical Officer?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I do not know whether he said so in exactly the same terms. He might have said something equal to that.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know the wording, more or less, at least only the substance?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—He said something to the effect that Dr. Rao was showing some consideration to rich patients and something like that. Those explanations need not be, I believe, detailed here in the very terms.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—What I meant was whether the Chief Medical Officer received his statement. It may not be exactly in the terms in which I stated here. He has said something.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—He has said many things like that.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know whether the ill-treatment of Dr. Rao towards his subordinates was one of the reasons for the fall in attendance?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know whether the Chief Medical Officer made any investigation when Dr. Kochunni Menon said something against Dr. Rao?

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Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know the result of the investigation?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—It is stated in answer to sub-division (3): 'The file was recorded with the observation that the Civil Surgeon should take steps for improvement, if possible.'

Mr. K. J. Antony—Did the Chief Medical Officer think that Dr. Rao's explanation was satisfactory?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I do not exactly understand the term 'satisfactory'. There is always a qualification put on the questions. Any satisfactory explanation can be given. I want to know what that question means. There is a file which says that special attention should be given to improve the attendance, if it is remediable, and he has promised to do so. I see that the attendance is improving.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—With regard to (4), by paying patients I meant both in-patients and out-patients. May I know whether the Civil Surgeon takes payments from the patients and gives them preferential treatment, and was that a cause in the fall in attendance?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I have answered that. "There is no class of patients among out-patients or in-patients called 'paying patients', and hence the question of fall in attendance due to any preferential treatment to such patients does not arise".

Mr. K. J. Antony.—What I mean is, whether this taking payments from the patients contributed to the fall in attendance?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—There is no connection between the question of attendance and paying patients. I think none of them who goes to the hospital is a paying patient.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know whether taking payments from the patients is prevented there?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I have no official information.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Supposing a person is willing to make some payments, will there be any professional etiquette,.....

President.—That is a hypothetical question.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—The answer to (5) is 'no public purpose is served by doing so'. May I know how the Chief Medical Officer came to that conclusion?

President.—That is what he has said.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Is it the personal opinion of the Hon'ble Member or the Government?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—It is the opinion of the Government as well.

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Mr. K. J. Antony.—My object in putting this question is: the public cannot understand whether their complaints are investigated or not. It was why I put this question.

Article in the 'Chitrabhanu' containing allegations against the Police.

263. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the article under the heading "അനാമിക" in *the 'Chitrabhanu'* newspaper, dated 5th June 1929, corresponding to 23rd Edavam 1104? At whose request was the post mortem of the dead body conducted in the *Illom*? What is the report of the Sub-Inspector about this and the explanation given by the Lady Apothecary about this matter? Has the Commissioner recorded a statement from the *Karyastha* of the *Illom*? If so, are the allegations about the police in the article referred to above correct? Were there any complaints against the Lady Apothecary? What is her explanation in the matter? What is the action taken against the Police Sub-Inspector and the Lady Apothecary?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The matter is sub-judice.

District Registrar of Cranganur and his staff.

264. മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—(a) കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂർ ഡിസ്ട്രിക്ട റജിസ്ട്രാപ്പീസ്സിന്റെ അധീനത്തിയിൽപെട്ട സ്ഥലങ്ങൾ ഏതെല്ലാമെന്നു് സദയം പറയുമൊ;

(b) കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിനു പുറമെയുള്ള സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽനിന്നും ടി ആപ്പീസ്സിലേക്കുണ്ടാകുന്ന പിരിവു സ്റ്റേറിലേക്കു എടുക്കുന്നുണ്ടൊ എന്നു സദയം അറിയിക്കുമൊ;

(c) ടി ആപ്പീസ്സിലെ റജിസ്ട്രാരുടെയും സ്റ്റാഫിന്റെയും ശമ്പളത്തുകയുടെ ഓഹരി സ്റ്റേറിൽനിന്നു കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂർക്കു കൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ടായെന്നു പറയുമൊ;

(d) ഇല്ലെങ്കിൽ അതിനുള്ള കാരണം പറയാമൊ;

(e) പ്രസ്തുത ആപ്പീസ്സിലെ ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ റജിസ്ട്രാർ അവിടെ ജോലി നോക്കി തുടങ്ങിയിട്ടു എത്രകാലമായെന്നു പറയുവാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമൊ;

(f) സംസ്ഥാനത്തിലെ മറ്റു റജിസ്ട്രാർമാരെയും സ്ഥലമാറ്റം ചെയ്തിട്ടു അദ്ദേഹത്തെ അവിടെ വെച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുവാൻ കാരണമെന്തെന്നു ദയവുചെയ്തു പറയാമൊ;

(g) അദ്ദേഹം അടുത്തുൺ പറഞ്ഞിരിയുവാൻ ഇനി എത്ര കാലം വേണ്ടിവരുമെന്നു പറയാമൊ?

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